



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

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LITTLE JOHN CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING

Ron Girard of Neighborhood Services, Barry Rondinella of the Stockton Metropolitan Airport, County Supervisor Steve Gutierrez, George Ridler of Stockton Unified School District, and David Kroll of the Stockton Parks and Recreation Department met with concerned citizens of the Little John Creek area at their regular monthly meeting Monday, March 17. Kroll explained that construction of Ernie Shropshire Park is proceeding and that the parkland should be hydro-seeded within the next 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. The opening date of the Park is anticipated in late August or early September. Residents asked about a sign or monument for the neighborhood and were encouraged to develop some concepts for a sign that might be able to be funded through the maintenance district. The group will meet again on April 21.
(P & R)

McKINLEY CENTER

Recreation for All People (RAP) activities continue at McKinley Community Center with softball games, volleyball, daily meetings, bingo, and music practice. Families from throughout the McKinley

neighborhood gather at the Center on Saturday afternoons to watch professional soccer on television. Sometimes they bring food to share, and other times they all pitch in money to buy pizza and sodas. Teens and a few adults come to McKinley Monday through Saturday to play popular 4 vs. 4 indoor soccer games. Staff divides all comers into teams of four (males and females all together) and referee three-minute games. Winners stay on court, losers sit down and another team comes in. If there is no winner in the 3 minutes time limit both teams sit down and two new teams come in to play. San Joaquin Delta College has donated a Stair Master 6000 ergometer machine to the McKinley weightlifting room. It is a popular piece of equipment. Some of McKinley's teens attended the Mayor's Youth Conference on Saturday, March 15, and came back to the Center very excited and feeling very important. (P & R)

OMI CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF SANTA PAULA

On March 19 The Record published an article regarding the OMI Contract with the City of Santa Paula to operate their Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Record's article was a follow up to the articles that had been published in the Times

and Santa Paula News a few days earlier. According to the newspaper articles, County agents seized documents and computer files from Santa Paula and materials from an adjacent plant in the City of Fillmore, which is also operated by OMI.

The City of Santa Paula's wastewater treatment plant is a very old facility, dating back to 1939. The main equipment is antiquated and systems are obsolete or in need of major upgrade. The plant has a capacity of only 2.5 million gallons per day (mgd). There have not been any substantial upgrades or improvements to the plant for over 20 years, according to City staff members.

The City of Santa Paula received a new permit from the Los Angeles Regional Board in 1997. When the revised permit was issued, the plant lacked the proper processes and equipment and was out of compliance from day one. Although the plant was out of compliance the RWQCB did not issue a Cease and Desist Order or a compliance schedule. Had these been issued the City of Santa Paula would have been forced to work towards compliance on a set schedule.

OMI entered into the contract in 1998 aware that the Santa Paula Plant was not in compliance and could not meet existing discharge requirements continuously. Because of that there is a clause in their contract relieving them from responsibility for non-compliance related to weaknesses in the facility or if the plant does not have capacity to treat. If non-compliance is due to operational negligence then OMI is responsible.

The City did retain an engineering firm to look at the upgrades that would bring them into compliance with the new permit. At first the City's approach was to upgrade the current plant. The City adopted a revised General Plan a few years later. At about that time (early 2000) the City realized that it would not be practical to try to expand the existing plant to meet the General Plan's build out projection. With this latest information, after another engineering evaluation, the City then abandoned the plan to upgrade and expand the existing plant and decided to look at other alternatives.

The main alternative being evaluated at this time is to enter into agreement with an adjacent city and to jointly build a new plant with a planned capacity of 6 mgd. This plan is just in the planning stages at this time and in all probability it will take up to five years to complete the environmental process, design, and construction. In the meantime the existing plant would remain out of compliance.

In talking to City staff they were quite complementary of OMI's performance under these conditions. They felt that OMI was very helpful and tried to make the best of the situation knowing all along that they had entered into a contract for operations

and maintenance with a City whose Wastewater Treatment Plant could not meet the permit requirements on a continuous basis. City staff commented on the fact that OMI has continuously and persistently offered ideas and solutions for meeting compliance. However the City has elected not to act upon many of OMI's recommendations related to interim upgrade of processes, monitoring, and control systems because the City was concerned about the cost for upgrades for compliance without increasing the plant capacity to meet the objectives of the General Plan Build Out.

Therefore the plant has remained in a condition of non-compliance, not due to actions or fault of OMI but rather due to planning and financial decisions by the City of Santa Paula. (CM)

STRIBLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Stribley Community Center has seen an influx of kids joining the Center's after school program over the last several weeks. Staff surveyed parents on why they chose Stribley, sometimes over their neighborhood school. The majority talked about the article in the last issue of the Parks and Recreation magazine. They also cited the good things they had heard about Stribley's supervision and programs. Stribley's after school program averages about 45 kids per day, which is double the attendance from just a few months ago. The Community Center Basketball Championships were held Saturday, March 15. Five teams played in this 5th-6th grade basketball tournament. Stribley Center won the tournament with Montezuma School coming in second. In all approximately 300 people were in the Center that day. Stribley Seniors have made enough money through snack bar sales to buy a dishwasher and garbage disposal to be installed in the kitchen at the

Center. Seniors at Stribley lost one of their most active members last week to kidney failure. Clara Regalia was very active in the Senior Program, East Side Police Board, Stribley Souza Neighborhood Betterment Committee, along with many other community driven organizations. Her loss has put a cloud over the Center, as she will be truly missed. Stribley is currently taking sign-ups for its league for 1st - 6th grade boys and girls indoor soccer league. Staff expects between 120-180 children to participate. Registration ends this week and clinics, jamborees, and league play begins in the following two weeks. (P & R)

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES

Middle Eastern Belly Dance classes began a new intermediate series Monday night at Stagg High School. Beginning and Advanced classes began on Thursday night at the Oak Park Ice Arena. A Rubberstamping class met on Thursday night at Seifert. The two-hour workshop includes lots of supplies and rubberstamping fun. First Aid class is scheduled for Friday night at the Oak Park Senior Center. Class meets from 6-10pm and students will receive certification card. (P & R)

CITY-WIDE SPORTS

League play began in the city-wide softball leagues this week. There are 143 teams registered; making 20 leagues. A managers meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12. Over 120 people attended to get their schedules and learn about the league changes and receive information on the league operation. (P & R)

GOLF UPDATE

City golf courses are being aerated for Spring. The core harvester encountered some problems during aeration at

Lyon's and is being repaired prior to the aeration of Van Buskirk. The Lyon's Golf Course Men's Club has donated a wood split rail fence. Club members have volunteered to install the fence, once plans for its installation are approved. (P & R)

SEIFERT CENTER

Seniors Ballroom dancing at Seifert Center has grown to 23 since starting in February. The senior's St. Patrick's Day celebration involved 17 seniors in a day of eating (corn beef and cabbage of course) & socializing. Participants ended the day by eating green cake. Club Kid had an average of 44 participants each day last week at Seifert. The skate park at Anderson Park is now being staffed by City of Stockton staff and one security guard from C.I.S. The guard comes Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and weekends from noon to 6 p.m. Friday night, March 14th's band concert brought out a crowd of 225 to watch Scattered Fall, Boston Auto, Minus You, and Scissorhands. (P & R)

LIBRARY SUPERVISOR SPEAKS AT STATE CONFERENCE

Supervising Librarian Jane Cook, who oversees the Library Family Literacy Program, participated on a panel this week at a statewide literacy conference. The subject of the discussion was library mobile literacy programs that serve families of children up to five years old. The Library Training Wheels vehicle was the State prototype for this kind of program; its operations is currently funded by a San Joaquin County First Five grant to the Library and Literacy Foundation. (LIB)

ANNUAL TRIVIA BEE

The law firm of Neumiller & Beardslee was proclaimed Trivia Champs of San Joaquin County, beating out

thirty-five other teams at the Library and Literacy Foundation's twelfth annual Trivia Bee. Receipts to date indicate the event grossed over \$33,000. (LIB)

MIGRANT EVEN START GRANT TO LIBRARY

The Library will receive \$14,457 from Federal Migrant Education Services. The grant will provide Library Bookmobile and family literacy services at the Harney Lane and Artesi #3 migrant farm labor camps. The Bookmobile will start service at the camps in April and visit every other Saturday through November 22. The grant includes funds to purchase new Spanish language and bilingual books and materials. (LIB)

LIBRARY MANAGERS ATTEND FRESNO LIBRARIAN RETIREMENT

Library Director Nicky Stanke, Deputy Director Patty Wong, Division Manager Ken Yamashita, and former Library Director Ursula Meyer attended the retirement dinner for John Kallenberg, Director of the Fresno County Public Library for the past twenty-seven years. (LIB)

LIBRARY DIVISION MANAGER IN NATIONAL JOURNAL

Ken Yamashita, Library Division Manager for Central Library Services, is a member of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Steering Committee, which is planning the first Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. The Committee was pictured in the March 2003 issue of *American Libraries*, the magazine of the American Library Association. (LIB)

COUNTY SUPERVISOR TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE BOOK, ONE SAN JOAQUIN

Supervisor Steve Gutierrez will be a featured speaker at the April 10 Stockton Barnes & Noble Kickoff Reception for the *One Book, One San Joaquin* program. The reception is free

and open to the public. *The Tortilla Curtain*, by T.C. Boyle has been selected by the *One Book* planning committee, and all county residents will be urged to read and discuss the novel. The culmination of the series is a May 13 program featuring T.C. Boyle at the Stockton Civic Memorial Auditorium. (LIB)

LIBRARIANS MEETING

At a meeting this week all professional librarians in the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library met to discuss the ongoing analysis of the Library collection (by age and subject area). There was also a discussion "reference service in a digital age," which many see as the future of library reference service. On example of this kind of service is 24/7 online, chat-type reference, which is now being offered in some areas. (LIB)

COUNTY INTERNET STEERING COMMITTEE

Director of Library Services Nicky Stanke is serving on the San Joaquin County Internet/Intranet Committee which met Wednesday for an update on the County portal efforts. Jerry Becker reported several County Departments are exploring public/private partnerships for electronic interactivity. Several California Counties are working together to standardize the portal architecture for ease of user access and interconnectivity. The Committee will be developing a suggested Web Links Policy to guide the County in its selection of linking agencies. The Committee then prioritized activities for the upcoming year in light of the all-but-certain budget reductions in the Information Services Department. (LIB)

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE NEGOTIATIONS

On March 14, Stockton Scavengers, a Waste Management company, and Sunrise Sanitation, an Allied Waste Industries company, requested a one-week extension in the proposal deadline (from March 19 to March 26). Staff agreed to the extension with the caveat that the City would agree no further extensions.

To confirm the extension, staff sent the two companies the attached letter showing the revised schedule. The first three activities on the schedule were completed as originally scheduled. (PW)

PERSHING AVENUE AND HARDING WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT LEFT-TURN PHASING

City staff met with Imbsen & Associates and their subconsultants on March 17 for the project's kick-off meeting. The scope of work under this project includes the widening of the east side of Pershing Avenue between Walnut Street and Willow Street south of the Pershing Avenue Bridge over Smith Canal. The widening is necessary to provide for the addition of the new left-turn lanes on Pershing Avenue to allow vehicles to turn onto Harding way. Minor widening on Harding Way will be necessary for the first 150 feet to align the curbs east and west of Pershing. The project also includes traffic signal design and environmental evaluation. (PW)

MIRACLE MILE STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION

Rajappan & Meyer (R&M) Consulting Engineers and Public Works staff recently attended the monthly Miracle Mile Improvement Association Board of Directors meet-

ing. R&M provided a brief overview of the project and presented preliminary plans of the proposed improvements at the southeast corner of Castle, southwest corner of Central, and at the Cleveland, Dorris, and Walnut Street intersections with Pacific Avenue. In addition to the corner bulb-outs an essential project component is the construction of wheelchair ramps at corners where there are none.

The Miracle Mile Improvement Association Board members are excited to see design tasks underway and expressed an interest in supplementing the project budget by donating trees that would be planted by the contractor. The project schedule anticipates award of the construction contract in late summer and completing the work in early 2004. (PW)

WEBER AVENUE STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENTS

The contractor is continuing with construction of new storm drains, curbs, and sidewalks at the northeast corner of San Joaquin Street and on the south side of Weber between California and American Streets. Installation of tree grates and guards has begun.

Improvements along the south side of Weber Avenue between San Joaquin and Sutter Streets were not included in the original project because this work was to have been completed in conjunction with the Lot I parking garage. These improvements have since been added to the project and design is in process.

Public Works issued an approximate \$46,000 field order for the contractor to order the long lead time items such as the protective bollards, street furniture, and street lighting materials. Public Works also issued field orders totaling approximately \$13,000 for the in-

stallation of electrical conduit from the tree wells to the recently installed pull boxes and for modifying recently installed landscaping at the southwest corner of Stanislaus Street. Change orders for this work are in process. The contractor, Golden Bay Construction of San Carlos, anticipates project completion in June 2003. (PW)

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS

The contractor, Golden Bay Construction of San Carlos, is continuing with construction of storm drains at the new corner bulb-outs. Underground utilities such as water mains and electrical conduits as well as basements were found at locations different than shown on the plans necessitating field adjustments to pipeline alignments. Field orders directing those changes have been issued by Public Works. Change orders totaling approximately \$10,000 are in progress. Project completion is anticipated in June 2003. (PW)

NOTICE OF FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FOR DESIGN OF AIRPORT WAY BRIDGE OVER MORMON SLOUGH REHABILITATION

The City was recently notified by Caltrans that the Airport Way Bridge over Mormon Slough had been authorized for Federal funding for rehabilitation design. Three items where funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program (HBRRP): (i) painting of the bridge girders and diaphragms, (ii) deck sealing; and, (iii) concrete barrier rail replacement. There are also other rehabilitation items that will be repaired which do not qualify under the HBRRP such as joint seal replacement, scour repairs, sidewalk repairs, and concrete patch-

ing of Abutment No. 3. The Federal share of the rehabilitation design will be \$48,062. The City's share will be \$21,881. A Council agenda item is being prepared to award the design contract to Imbsen and Associates and should be before Council for consideration on April 8, 2003. (PW)

HOTEL STOCKTON

Redevelopment Division staff from HRD arranged for a tour of the Hotel Stockton for DAT members Wednesday. Led by the principal architect from Applied Architects in Sacramento, Mike Malinowski, about 35 people viewed the construction activity underway on all floors of the building. When completed in December 2004, the hotel will include 156 one-bedroom and studio units. The ground floor can accommodate approximately 25,000 square feet of retail use, complimenting the 18,000 square feet of retail associated with the Cineplex project immediately to the north. (HRD)

INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING

Three inspections under the Single-Family Emergency Repair Grant Program were conducted this week. Each applicant had leaking roofs, which will be repaired or replaced as necessary. Staff is currently seeking bids for all three projects.

The quarterly monitoring of the Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program began this week. Thirty-four sites will be inspected for compliance with the program requirements. Items such as junk, garbage and debris, graffiti, weeds and landscape maintenance will be surveyed and any violations must be corrected before the yearly forgiveness of the loan is granted. (HRD)

KELLEY DRIVE DAY CARE CENTER

On November 26, 2002, the City Council approved a CDBG loan to ACLC, Inc for the construction of a child care facility located at 9537 Kelley Drive. The project is located in the Emerald Point development.

The center will accommodate a maximum of 28 children from the ages of 3 to 5 years. Head Start will operate the various programs from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility will consist of a single 2,500 square-foot structure, and the main activity area will be approximately 920 square feet.

The underground plumbing had previously been installed, the footings for the foundation have been dug, and the reinforcing steel installed. The work continues this week with the concrete footings being poured. The concrete slabs should be in place this week, if weather permits. (HRD)

REVISED CALHOME LOAN PROGRAM

In 2001 a standard contract between the City of Stockton and the State of California Department of Housing & Community Development was executed, which approved the use of Calhome funds in the City's rehabilitation and first-time homebuyers programs. Housing staff continues to work diligently to market and identify potential borrowers for the Calhome First Time Homebuyers Assistance Program.

Since the inception of this program, state-wide expenditures under this program have been slower than anticipated due to excessively restrictive program guidelines. In an effort to be able to make the Calhome Loan Program more user friendly, the Calhome Program administrators had previously solicited comments from cities regarding suggested changes that would make this program more effective

and would permit contract cities to spend the money more rapidly. Housing staff has submitted their comments and recommendations to Calhome and is awaiting a positive affect, which would allow the City of Stockton, as well as other cities utilizing the Calhome Program to accommodate potential very-low and low-income first-time homebuyers, as well as homeowners, to rehabilitate their homes.

In a letter this week from the State Department of Housing and Community Development specific adjustments to the Calhome Program, suggested by the HRD staff, were adopted. The following changes to the Calhome Program will be effective immediately:

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

The \$30,000 loan limit is removed and HRD may determine the maximum loan amount based on need and the availability of additional sources of funds.

Since the Calhome Loan and any loan leveraged with HOME dollars are to be deferred and the intent is to repair substandard conditions, the credit worthiness of the homeowner is now a local determination based on the guidelines established for the City of Stockton loan program guidelines.

The loan term has been increased from the Calhome requirement of a maximum of 15 years to up to 30 years at the local program option.

First-Time Homebuyers Program

The underwriting decisions made by the first lender are approved as monitored by the City, including ratios and credit. Reasonable fees and charges per local custom are allowed with due diligence of

the City to protect the borrower from predatory lenders.

The maximum loan cap is now the decision of the City. Calhome administrators felt that each city participating in the program knows what it takes to make it possible for a low-income family to afford market-rate housing.

The borrowers' assets shall only be considered in the transaction if they affect the income of the applicant. The borrowers will not have to liquidate their assets to qualify for a Calhome Loan.

It is hoped that these already approved changes and others under consideration will make the Calhome Loan Program more effective and benefit more borrowers in the City of Stockton. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MONITORING

This week's update comes from the Park District, which encompasses the majority of south Stockton:

Sutter Street and South Union Street

A new case for detached electrical service was proactively cited. The case was brought into compliance in less than five days. The City is currently awaiting consent to be signed by the Railroad Company to clean the property along the railroad right-of-ways.

Sixth, Seventh, Eighth & Pilgrim Streets

Demolition has been completed on a fire-damaged structure in the area. Several new cases have been reported from the neighborhood; one case as a farm labor camp and several cases for work without building permits. One complaint of a drug lab and elderly abuse came through this office and resulted in notification and review by the Police Depart-

ment as well as a citation being issued for garbage, junk and debris. Re-inspection of a 60-unit apartment complex is scheduled for the week of April 7, 2003.

North and South Stribley

Neighborhood Services received a complaint of a vacant, unsecured house. A duplex slated for demolition was purchased from bankruptcy court and repair work has started. An owner started and completed demolition of one of two single-family structures on their property. Staff is waiting for the county to readjust the parcel line on another property before the substandard house is demolished by the property owner. The property owner of another property, after going through Administrative Hearing process, failed to submit the required building reports within the timeline as ordered in the hearing directive. Therefore Civil Penalties of \$100 per day have begun until the property owner complies with the administrative order.

Weber Avenue between A & B Streets

A new case was opened on a commercial building being used as a single-family residence. A Notice of Violation has been issued to either revert the building back to commercial storage or obtain building permits and install a kitchen and bathroom per code. (HRD)

METH LAB RECOGNITION TRAINING

Sergeant Scott Meadors, from City Police Department Narcotics Division, conducted a training session for all Neighborhood Services Code Enforcement Officers this week. The class was very informative. One of the most interesting facts that Sergeant Meadors shared is the number of methamphetamine labs discovered inside trunks of parked or abandoned vehicles. Our inspectors are now aware of waste materials that could indi-

cate a methamphetamine lab is present at a location and who to contact with the information.

Sergeant Meadors will be back in May to conduct another training session called "Verbal Judo," or how to communicate with an irate citizen. (HRD)

CARRINGTON CIRCLE/ GREENSBORO WAY SWEEP

During the month of February Neighborhood Services conducted its first Code Enforcement Sweep for 2003. Approximately 155 properties were issued Violation Warning Notices for public nuisance and substandard housing violations. A total of 22 abandoned vehicles were cited and the graffiti crew covered 4,704 square feet on 11 residential and 6 commercial buildings.

Upon re-inspection 73 cases have been closed, 43 extensions granted as the property owners were making progress, 38 Administration Citations were issued with inspection fees or fines, and 5 new violations were cited. Staff will continue working with the property owners and tenants until compliance is obtained. The next Code Enforcement Sweep begins in April in the Sutherland area. (HRD)

STOCKTON FIRES

On Friday, March 14, there was a structure fire in a single-story, multi-family residence at **406 Prado Way**. The fire was caused by an ashtray left too close to the wood structure. Damage is estimated at approximately \$100 to the structure.

On Monday, March 17, there was a structure fire in a residence at **2513 Hazelwood Avenue**. The fire originated on the couch where the resident had been sleeping with

a heating pad on her feet. The patient was treated and transported for smoke inhalation. Damage is estimated at approximately \$60,000 to the structure and \$30,000 to the contents. (FD)

WEED ABATEMENT

The weed survey for county properties was completed, and the list was sent to San Joaquin County Fire Prevention who will send letters to the property owners. Maps are being prepared to be sent to the contractor for City parcels to be abated. (FD)

PUBLIC SAFETY

This week fire safety presentations were conducted at the following locations: Office of Emergency Services (60 participants), Franklin Head Start (20 participants), August Knodt School (30 participants), Webster Middle School (90 participants), St. Mathew's Head Start (50 participants), and County Employees (30 participants). (FD)

ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

Twenty-four fire investigations were conducted in the last seven days.

- Nine were outdoor type fires: eight were "undetermined" and one was intentional
- Three structures were investigated: one was intentional and two were undetermined
- Nine vehicles burned: six were accidental and three were intentional

On March 17 an adult male pled guilty to setting two fires. One of which was set in the interior of the house where the defendant's family slept. There were no injuries from the fire. Sentencing is pending.

Dollar loss due to arson this year is \$270,800. (FD)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period March 13-19 the Stockton Police Department handled 5,877 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

The CHAT continued inspections of the Midtown Area. In three multi-unit complexes inspected this week, over 200 violations were noted. Additionally one subject was arrested for a felony drug warrant and one citation was given for drug paraphernalia. A man was removed for trespassing in a unit he was occupying where the original tenant had moved out. The man was a Mental Health client and was turned over to Mental Health for relocation. Animal Control Officers were called out to one of the complexes, to impound three roosters; two were living in an upstairs apartment and one was in the basement. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Activities of the Gang Street Enforcement Team (GSET) during the period March 13-17 included the following:

- Field Interviews - 61
- Felony Arrests - 2
- Misdemeanor Arrests - 1
- Felony Warrant Arrests - 2
- Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests - 2
- Traffic Citations Issued - 13
- Vehicles Impounded - 4
- Firearms Confiscated - 2 (373 guns confiscated since the inception of GSET and the VCSTF)
- Parole Searches - 2
- Probation Searches - 2
- Narcotics Confiscated - 0 (POL)

TRUANCY

During the week of March 10-14, 16 juveniles were processed for truancy. Year to date 816 students have been processed for truancy, with 199 repeat offenders. Statistics reflect

that overall truancy has decreased by approximately 16% compared to the same time period last year. (POL)

PROSTITUTION MISSION

Recently a funeral home and church/school in the area of Fremont and American complained about prostitution taking place nearby. An employee of the funeral home reported that during a funeral, a grieving relative had gone outside and was confronted by one of the prostitutes. During a decoy mission Police Officers made numerous arrests and seized vehicles. (POL)

TOWN HALL MEETING

On March 17 a Town Hall meeting was held at the Quail Lakes Community Center to address burglary/auto theft issues in the neighborhood. Chief Chavez, Lt. Montes, and CSO Hammerstein attended the meeting, in addition to Councilmember Leslie Martin and over 120 concerned citizens. Issues of discussion included increasing communication between the residents and the Police Department. The group was pleased with recently increased Police presence in the area and a noticeable decrease in the number of auto thefts. (POL)

NARCOTICS ARRESTS

Shortly after midnight on March 12 Officers attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation. A vehicle pursuit ended on the front lawn of a residence on Burkett, when the suspects abandoned their car and fled on foot. Both suspects were caught after a short foot pursuit. Officers searched the car and found approximately two pounds of rock cocaine and ½ a pound of powder cocaine. (POL)

WEAPONS ARRESTS

Officers stopped a vehicle at Fremont and Stanislaus at approximately 3:00 a.m., on March 13, for a traffic violation. During a consent search of the vehicle Officers found a loaded .25 caliber handgun, a metal baton, and a methamphetamine pipe. Both occupants of the car were arrested on various charges. (POL)

MOLESTATION ARREST

On March 16 a 16-year-old was booked into Peterson Hall on multiple sexual assault charges for his ongoing assaults on a 2-year-old child. (POL)

TAGGERS ARRESTED

At approximately 10:30 p.m., on March 17, anonymous citizens reported seeing several subjects tagging walls and other surfaces at Panella Park. When Officers arrived they discovered two adults and seven juveniles in and about a van parked at the location, found tagging on the sidewalk adjacent to the van, as well as numerous paint cans inside the van, and paint on the hands and clothing of all nine suspects. Officers obtained statements ranging from denials to admissions and confessions. (POL)

INJURED CHILD

On March 18 Officers responded to assist Fire with a report of a 13-month-old girl who had been badly scalded while being bathed by her mother. The child was taken to Shriners Hospital in Sacramento with first- and second-degree burns over 30% of her body. A "hold" was placed on the child and her 12-week-old baby brother was placed in Mary Graham Shelter, pending further investigation. (POL)

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

A man and woman were drinking at Flynn's on Pacific

Avenue, when the man told the woman he wanted to be more than friends. He left the bar after the woman told him she was not interested. The man returned a short time later and convinced the woman to go outside to talk to him. Once outside the man assaulted the woman and attempted to drag her into his car. He told her he loved her so much that he was going to kill her. The victim managed to get away but suffered facial injuries. The suspect, who has been identified, fled in a pickup that had Massachusetts' license plates. (POL)

CENTRAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Ashburner Room – As part of this conference room improvement project, CBM staff installed a projector screen. Due to a faulty part the screen is not yet operational. The part has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives. The new wood veneer has been installed to cover the screen when not in use. The next phase of this project is to construct a cabinet to be installed in the corner area.

Pixie Woods - The Craft Maintenance staff has been working on several issues that were raised in the State Certification inspection. Crews made repairs to the Merry Go Round. The walkway by the Pirate Ship has been removed and modified to correct a trip hazard. Repairs were made prior to March 17th in order to open the park for the season on March 22nd.

Other Projects

- Installed lights to illuminate the Toy Soldiers at the Children's Museum
- Modifications to the HVAC at the Permit Center
- Confirmed the availability of power at both City Hall

and the Civic Auditorium for the new marquees

- Set up equipment and displays for the Mayors Conference at the Radisson

- Installation of signage at the City Hall Security/Receptionist station
- City Hall Chiller - The chiller has arrived and will be operational before the next week's Council meeting.

(AS-CBM)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Dan Morriss and I held our monthly meeting. I met with Mike Hakeem. Gary Ingraham, Mark Madison, and I held our weekly meeting. Councilmember Bestolarides and I held our weekly meeting. Roger Storey, Steve Pinkerton, Jim Rinehart, and I met with John Thomas and Darrell Petray from Regent Development, along with Tom Volpe and John Katz from the Stockton Ports. I met with Keith Land, Lodi City Councilmember.

I attended the Police Department's Team Building Session and the DAT meeting. Mark Parrott, Ray Call, and I discussed ambulance issues. Roger Storey, Teri Bentz, Mark Parrott, Florence Low, and I discussed County/City property agreements for property tax allocation upon annexation. Roger Storey and I held our bi-weekly meeting. Christine Tien, Nicky Stanke, and I discussed Library issues. I participated in the Enhanced Retirement Benefit meeting. I met with Michael Spanos and Jerry Sperry. Mike Taylor and I held our monthly meeting. Gary Ingraham, Mark Madison, Ed Formosa, and I met with Anthony Barket regarding SEWD.

Jim Giottonini and I participated in the Chamber of Commerce's GRC meeting regarding the Garbage, Recycling, Green Waste, and Street Sweeping Services proposal. Gary Ingraham, Mark Madison, Steve Git-

tings, Paul Simmons, and I discussed the Wastewater NPDES Permit. Staff and I reviewed budgets for the following departments: MUD, Community Development, Public Works, Fire, City Attorney's Office, City Auditor's Office, and we discussed revenue and fees. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

MARK LEWIS
CITY MANAGER